

W. C. T. U. Column.

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W. C. T. U. WATCHWORDS:
ORGANIZE! EDUCATE! AGITATE!

W. C. T. U. PRINCIPLES:
Total Abstinence; Prohibition of the Liquor Traffic; One Standard of Morals for Men and Women; Home Protection; Equal Suffrage; and the Teaching of Scientific Temperance in Public Schools.

"Missouri's Going 'Dry'."

Since January twelve counties have gone "dry" in Missouri, and by the time this is in print there will be more. Among these are important counties like Macon and Boone, and cities like Chillicothe and Columbia. But the greatest victory of all is that St. Francois county went "dry," March 7.

St. Francois was listed as one of the hardest counties in the state to carry for prohibition. It is the center of the lead belt, and has a great mining population, including many Huns and Poles. It is charged that money was spent like water by brewers to keep the county in the "wet" ranks. They claimed that the town councils of Bonne Terre, Bismarck and Farmington, and the Federation of Labor, were committed to their side, and the latter claim was a hard one to offset. The liquor interests tried all sorts of tricks and quibbles. Farmington, the county seat, has but 2,100 population according to the last census taken some years ago. The "wets" waited until the date of election was set, then played what they considered a winning game. They took a census of Farmington; found it had 2,700, an excess of over 200 the number that the law designated as the amount that necessitates a separate vote from the rest of the county. Then they tried to have the whole election set aside as invalid, because Farmington was included with the county in the election order. The Circuit Judge decided that as all parties had warning and ample time to have a census prior to the county court's order for this election, in the eyes of the law Farmington would have to stand under the old census. The liquor lawyers hurried the case to the court of appeals, which reaffirmed the judgment of the lower courts. Then they carried it to the state supreme court, which also sustained the lower court. The whiskey men had dug a pit and fell into it themselves!

Next a colored orator was sent by the brewers to address the colored people, and the opera house was rented for him. At first not a colored man would introduce him. Finally, a colored man arose and declared himself a prohibitionist, but said that he would extend the gentleman the courtesy of an introduction. But the negroes become disgusted with the harangue they heard, and arose in a body and left the house, going over to hear the temperance speaker across the street.

The women worked. The preachers worked. The better element worked. All day the bell rung for prayer. Parades and dinners helped to swell the tide, and the great mining county of St. Francois county went "dry." Oh, it was a great victory!

The storm center of local opinion is now in the center of the state, and bearing toward the north and east. The Seventh district, Mrs. Oceola Lane, president, is straining every nerve, is half "dry" and may soon be wholly so. The Ninth, Mrs. Jennie Alexander of New London, president, is breathing battle smoke. Mrs. Lora La Mance fired the first local option guns in this district at Paris and at Monroe City and organized new unions at Clarence, Shelby and Paris, the latter a colored union. All of the unions are working with a vim. At Paris a most successful institute was held, and the colored union sent its delegates in a body to attend it. At Monroe City the combined temperance forces are working as one, every man and woman determined to drive out King Alcohol.

The Tenth district has as president Mrs. Mattie Faulconer of Montgomery City, an officer tried and true. She has sent a speaker through her district recently, and fine institutes were held at Montgomery and New Florence, with lectures at other points, Bowling Green, Wellsville and Jonesburg.

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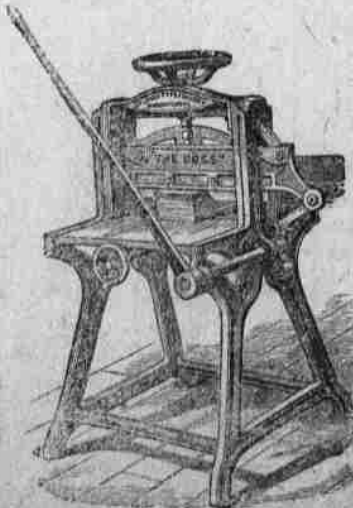
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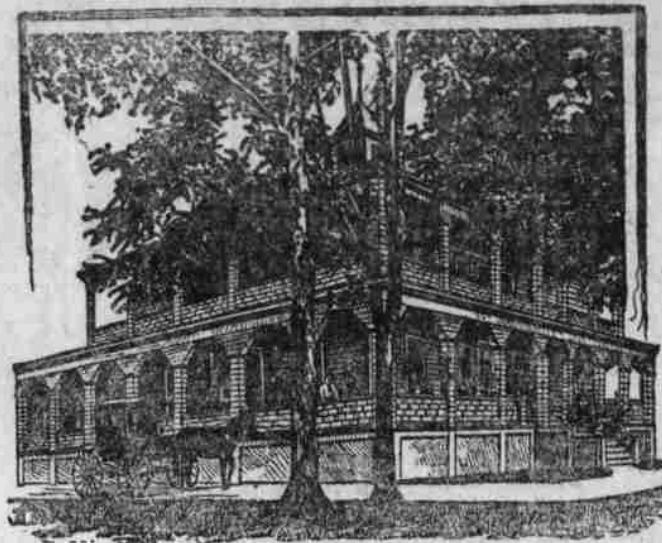
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March 10, 1908.
WALTER RUBLE,
Administrator.